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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 22750/536

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Verfahren und Vorrichtung zur Steuerung des Federungsverhaltens bei Fahrzeugen mit hydropneumatischen Federungseinrichtungen und stark veränderbaren Achslastverhältnissen (Method and Device for Controlling the Suspension Performance in Vehicles Having Hydropneumatic Suspension Devices and Sharply Variable Axle-Load Ratios), the German-language specification of which is being filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, \S 1.56(a).

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING	DATE OF ISSUE	PRIORITY CLAIMED
	NUMBER	(day, month, year)	(day, month, year)	UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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